

Torrance, California
May 23, 1939

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, May 23, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll; those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: Powell.

Mayor Tolson advised that illness in the family of Councilman Powell prevented his attendance at the meeting.

Councilman McGuire moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held May 9, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Farmers Automobile Insurance Exchange referring to the claim of one of their clients, charging negligence of the Street Maintenance Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read regarding the matter of dogs being allowed to run loose, the objection being that lawns and shrubs are damaged by the animals. The vicinity of Andreo Avenue was mentioned specifically, the communication being signed "Tax Payer".

A communication was read from the Homeseekers Investment and Building Company, requesting a change of name of the alleyway now known as Spurlin Court, and also requesting that the houses be designated by numbers instead of the present arrangement of alphabetical lettering. A few suggestions for a new and official name were offered in the communication.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the City Attorney, Street Department and City Engineer for recommendation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Clifford F. Reid, Inc., calling attention to and objecting to a sign assertedly placed on property which has been dedicated as a street.

After a little discussion, the matter was referred to the Street Department.

A communication was read from William R. Vickroy, 1027 South Grand Avenue, San Pedro, applying for fireworks license at 101 Highway on the north side of the street West of Lomita. Councilman McGuire moved the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from O.D. Butterfield, Electrical Inspector, recommending placing a sodium vapor light at the intersection of Redondo-Riverside Boulevard and Redondo Avenue.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the light be installed in accordance with Mr. Butterfield's recommendation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

A communication was read from the Southwest District Highways Association, requesting payment of 1939 dues in the amount of \$25.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, extending invitation to all those interested in the Planning Conference on Conservation meeting to be held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium June 9th and 10th.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 311

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 310, AND DECLARING THE CLOSING UP, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN WHOLE OF THAT PORTION OF THE 15-FOOT ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 33 OF MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 311 be dispensed with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 311 be adopted for first reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Engineer Young reported that the 190th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard job had been completed.

Engineer Young presented two ordinances for reference to the proper committees, one ordinance being a new building ordinance patterned after the uniform building code used extensively in California, the second ordinance being a fire zone ordinance.

Both ordinances were referred to the Ordinance Committee for recommendation at the next meeting.

Attorney McCall ruled that a contract between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance whereby the City of Torrance would furnish fire protection to the Shoestring Strip could not be legally entered into unless it can be definitely established that the City of Torrance will benefit by such a contract.

Attorney McCall advised the City not to enter into a law suit together with the City of Maywood in efforts to recover franchise taxes from certain corporation, advising that he can handle suits of this nature without additional expense to the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for 800 tons selected material for pavement base, 150 tons #4 crushed rock, 80 tons #5 crushed rock and 175 barrels 95-plus road oil for improvement of Redondo Avenue. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$54.00 be made for a cesspool at the pistol range. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$135.15 be made for toilet facilities at the pistol range. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase a book of coupons for the eleventh annual session of the Institute of Government of the University of Southern California, at a cost of not to exceed \$25.00. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett reported tax collections for May, 1939 amounting to \$50,259.98, of which amount \$38,691.20 accrues to the general fund.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$138.53 be made for 80 No. 3 meter boxes, 10 No. 4 meter boxes and 4 No. 5-1/2 meter boxes for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Director of Public Safety Stroh extended an invitation on behalf of the Torrance Revolver Club to the City Council to attend the opening of the new pistol range Sunday, May 28, 1939 at 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Willett requested that the letter from Clifford F. Reid, Inc., be re-read, as he arrived at the meeting late and did not hear the first reading. The communication was re-read.

Mr. Willett went into some detail, explaining that the sign had been therefor a number of years, with no objection from anyone, and he had only repainted it and changed the wording somewhat. He said his company had annexed certain property recently, thereby acquiring right to the sign. Also, he pointed out, the sign is off the main-traveled roadway.

Mr. Leatherman stated a committee representing the boy scout movement for a camp in Palos Verdes Hills had been appointed to attend the meeting, but since they failed to appear, no further information is available at this time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

At 8:25 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

M. J. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance